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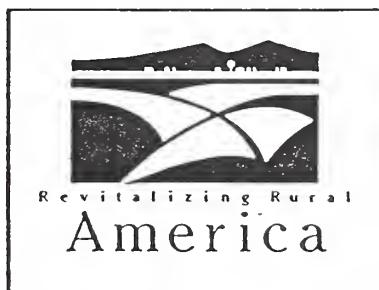
TREND MONITORING DATABASE SYSTEM

The RIC staff completed designing system specifications for a customized database tracking and trend monitoring system which will be used to record and collect data on all RIC requests. The online system will include customized input screens for the RIC staff to record all pertinent data on every information request. The system will also collect user statistics by geographic location and affiliation, generate information and management reports, and provide an inventory control link between the information request and the RIC response. With the installation of this system, RIC and the Extension Service will be able to create an in-house database and monitor specific rural trends by geographic areas. If all programming

requirements and system testing are finished on schedule RIC expects the system to be operational in the spring.

RIC IDENTIFIED AS AN INFORMATION RESOURCE

Two 1988 directories identified RIC as a resource for economic development information:



Working Together: A Guide to Federal and State Resources for Rural Economic Development. Compiled by the United States Small Business Administration (SBA) and published jointly by the SBA and Southwestern Bell Telephone.

A Guide to Studies and Programs Relevant to Small Business Development and Rural Revitalization, by Roger Prestwich. 2d edition. Published by Spring Hill Center, Wayzata, MN.

THIRTY-SEVEN STATES JOIN THE RIC PROJECT

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RIC OUTREACH: EXHIBITS

*Rural Economic Development Conference: Rural America -- The Search for Solutions, St. Louis, MO., November 28-30. Pioneer Hi-Bred International coordinated RIC materials.

*National League of Cities Annual Conference, Boston, MA., December 3-9. Ted Maher, Extension Service Local Government National

Program Leader, coordinated the exhibit and RIC materials.

RIC BIBLIOGRAPHIES AND REFERENCE BRIEFS

Directory of Funding Sources. Compiled by Helen Yoas, RIC Graduate Intern, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, School of Library Science.

FY89 RURAL INFORMATION CENTER ANALYSIS:

- User location
- Rural topics
- Affiliation

States, Territories, Etc. Submitting Highest Number of Requests

District of Columbia	15%
Maryland.....	8%
North Carolina, Wisconsin (5% each) ..	10%
Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Montana, Virginia (4% each)	20%
Kentucky, Nebraska, Ohio, Texas (3% each)	12%
Arizona, Georgia, Iowa, Missouri, North Dakota, Washington, (2% each)	12%
All others (25 states & 2 foreign countries).....	23%

Breakdown of Rural Revitalization Questions

Economic Viability.....	56%
Local Government Services	19%
Quality of Life/Natural Resources	19%
Leadership/Community Change.....	6%

Affiliation Breakdown

State and County Extension Staff.....	47%
USDA Officials	12%
Universities.....	11%
Individuals.....	9%
Public Interest Groups.....	5%
State Officials and Libraries (4% each) ..	8%
Businesses	3%
Federal Officials (non-USDA) and Foreign Officials (2% each).....	4%
Community/Rural/Economic Organizations	1%